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Ms. Liz Bryant, Secretary
Office of Human Resources
Building 6, Room 264
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing in support of Ms. Deborah Lynn Starr who has recently applied for the Coordinator of Elementary Education with the Office of Early Learning in Charleston, West Virginia. I can think of no other individual who is more suited for this position.

First, Ms. Starr meets and exceeds all of the educational requirements for the position including a Masters Degree +45 hours, and a Marshall University Graduate College Certification in Early Childhood Education.

She has had broad experience as an Elementary School Teacher, Assistant Principal, and adjunct instructor for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Her love for education, children, community, and family is above reproach. She has always strived to make a difference in the lives of children and has made an impact on so many children in southern West Virginia.

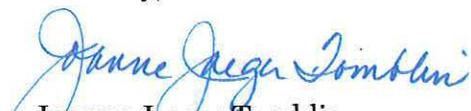
She actively participates in numerous professional organizations including the National Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, the International Reading Association, West Virginia Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, West Virginia Education Association, West Virginia Reading Association, and West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Ms. Starr has received awards and recognitions some of which include the West Virginia Principal's Leadership Academy Distinguished Scholar, 2010 Mingo County Teacher of the Year, 2009-2010 Dingess Elementary School Teacher of the Year, 2008-2009 Lenore K-8 Teacher of the Year, as well as many community service recognitions and awards.

I have known Ms. Starr both personally and professionally for several decades. She has all the qualities of a good leader, integrity, compassion, vision, honesty, and credibility. She will set an example for those she will lead and be an inspiration to young people. Ms. Starr was born and raised in southern West Virginia. She knows the challenges, but also provides solutions. She will place her heart and soul in her work and be nothing but an asset to the Office of Early Learning.

I would be pleased for you to contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding Ms. Starr. I sincerely hope that you will give her serious consideration in your selection process.

Sincerely,



Joanne Jaeger Tomblin
President

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cc: Deborah Starr